

Dear Chairman Powell,

Please do not loosen the rules for media ownership on Monday June 2. Ownership of multiple TV stations, radio stations, and newspapers over many localities by one individual or corporation seriously endangers local autonomy and freedom of the press, both guaranteed by the Constitution. Any reasons in favor of further relaxing the ownership rules (which are already too lax) pale in comparison. I consider this a vital issue and it will figure most strongly in forming my choices in the 2004 elections.

Sincerely,

John Cozza